

Thank you to everyone who supported our Chinese Auction this year. It was a success for our church as we had many visitors from our community attend the event. We had over 100 guest buying tickets for our 150 great gifts. Our 50/50 raffle payout was \$568. The auction raised \$3,200 which will be used to support our parish ministries.



**“7th Annual for Soldiers”: Donations of Stocking Stuffers Needed**

The seventh annual **STOCKINGS for SOLDIERS** collection is taking place now. Why the early start date you ask? Well we’re dealing with the military and if you’ve been in you know how slowly it works at times. First we collect all the items from the parish and stuff the stockings, pack up and drive all the stockings to De John’s Funeral Home. They consolidate their four funeral home’s donations and ship them to the USO. The USO consolidates the Greater Cleveland area donations, on to the state and national levels. Finally the USO ships all the stockings to a central military point overseas and I’m not sure where or how many times the stockings move over there before they actually get to the service personnel. If we’re lucky they get there by Christmas. The donations can include anything from tooth past and Deodorant to gum and candy to small games. Please no perishable food or large items.

**To all who donated so graciously last year, a heart-felt thanks! Donations can be placed in the Christmas themed boxes in the entry area of the church and need to be received by Sunday, October 28th.**

Questions? Contact Jim & Carol Sirl at 440-298-1472. or call the office 440-298-1327



**Sing and Praise God With Joy!** Catholic Renewal Ministries’ **Traveling Charismatic Mass** for October will be held at St. Gabriel Parish on **Friday, October 12th**. Praise and worship will begin at 7:00 p.m. and Mass will start at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Rd. in Concord 44060. Fr. Jeremy Merzweiler will be the celebrant. Healing prayer teams will be available after mass for individual prayer. For more information, please contact Fr. Bob Franco at 440-327-2201 or CRM at 440-944-9445.

New Matthew Kelly book: For Christmas 2018, the parish will be purchasing a sizable number of the most recent book by Catholic author, Matthew Kelly. It is called, *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. These books will be made available at all the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day until we run out. These books will again be available free of charge.



Read about Mara’s gift of life, celebrate Bishop Perez’s one-year anniversary, take a look at Catholic School Open Houses and more. Be on the lookout for the latest issue of Northeast Ohio Catholic!

**The Christ Child Society of Geauga County**

**Fashion Show and Luncheon**

**Chico’s of Chagrin Falls**

Saturday October 6, 2018 1-4pm St. Mary Church Banquet Center Chardon

Questions and reservations contact

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*Dear Parish Family,*

September 29<sup>th</sup> is the feast of the Archangels SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Each of these Archangels has played a crucial role in salvation history.

Among other things, St. Michael ("One who is like God") is the angel of God's power and the leader of the heavenly host. St. Michael cast Lucifer and the fallen angels from heaven (Revelation 12:7-9; see Ezekiel 28:17).

St. Gabriel ("God is my strength") is the angel of God's dignity and "Hero of God." St. Gabriel is the angel of the Annunciation (Luke 1:19, 26) and explained a vision to the prophet Daniel (Daniel 8:16). St. Gabriel is also the one who blows his horn for the assembling of the nations on the day of judgment.

St. Raphael ("God is health") instructed Tobit and was guardian of Tobias. In addition, St. Raphael moved the waters of the pool when Christ worked a miracle in John 5:1-4. He is considered chief of the guardian angels.

The Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel is one of the best known prayers. They were part of the Leonine Prayers that were to be said after Holy Mass. As explained by Father Ray Ryland, PhD, JD of *The Catholic Answer* in a column for *Our Sunday Visitor* on 10/13/2015:

*On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.*

*He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)*

*The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in his Regina Coeli address in the spring of 1994, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask every one not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well. The prayer, by the way, is as follows:*

***St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.***

***Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.***

***May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,***

***O Prince of the heavenly hosts,***

***by the power of God,***

***thrust into hell Satan,***

***and all the evil spirits,***

***who prowl about the world***

***seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.***

*(taken from <https://www.osv.com/TheChurch/SaintsandAngels/Angels/Article/TabId/1307/ArtMID/15192/ArticleID/18443/St-Michael-Prayer.aspx>)*

In light of these very painful and difficult times for the Catholic Church, I would strongly recommend that we offer this prayer each and every day, especially at the end of each Mass in which we participate. It is clear that Satan is working actively to destroy family life and the life of the Church. We know, however, that the Lord will triumph and the Immaculate Heart of the Mary will triumph in the end.

Let's renew our commitment to praying the Rosary each day. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!!!

**God bless you and your loved ones,**

*Fr. Dan Redmond*